CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Tribute Gift Program Overview Gift Opportunities

Thank you for inquiring about commemorative gift opportunities at the Chicago Botanic Garden. There are a variety of unique ways to honor family and friends at special times – birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, personal accomplishments, as well as expressions of sympathy. In addition, your contribution provides important financial support to the Garden.

Please call or email for further information on any of the below opportunities: (847) 835-8333 or tributes@chicagobotanic.org.

Special items at the Garden are available for dedication at various contribution levels, including:

- Special area and bed dedications are available within select gardens of the Main Island, for donations of $25,000 and up.

- Benches currently in the Garden may be dedicated with contributions from $5,000 to $15,000 depending on the garden location, for a 15-year or 20-year period. A plaque inscribed with a personal dedication of the donor's choice will be placed on the lower right corner of the bench.

- Dedicate a library chair in the Lenhardt Library with a contribution of $2,500 to celebrate a special occasion or individual. An engraved plaque will be placed on the side of the chair with your special message.

- There are several varieties of trees available for dedication, ranging from $2,000 to $7,500. A limited number of signature trees and trees in one of our Premier Gardens are available for donations beginning at $3,000 to $7,500. A tree tag marking the dedication will be inscribed with wording of the donor's choice, and the tree will remain tagged for the life of the plant.

- Commemorative bricks are available for a contribution of $500 along the Gateway Visitor Center Walkway and $1,000 along the Rose Garden Path, Landscape Garden Path, and McGinley Path. Bricks may be engraved with the name of the individual(s) being honored or remembered and pertinent date(s) if space is available. Brick orders are placed on March 15th and September 15th.

- During the summer, a selected Carillon Concert program may be sponsored for a donation of $500. The sponsorship and individual(s) being honored or remembered will be indicated on/during the program announcement for that evening. Music on the Esplanade, Dancin' Sprouts and Hot Summer Nights, can also be dedicated. The name of the honoree will be announced before the beginning of the concert.

- A changing, seasonally-inspired, floral display in the Krehbiel Gallery art space of the Regenstein Center may be dedicated for $250 for the day of a special occasion or event. The name(s) and date of dedication will be displayed in a beautiful frame and placed on the information desk, situated for all to see. This is a perfect surprise for a wedding, anniversary, or other meaningful event.

- For a contribution of $100, a donor may dedicate an orchid in the recipient's honor. The recipient will receive a beautiful orchid card upon receipt of your donation.

- For a contribution of $75, a donor may "adopt" a bonsai from the Garden's premier Bonsai Collection. The recipient will receive a beautiful note card indicating the dedication along with an informational photograph card relevant to the chosen "adopted" bonsai specimen.

- Lenhardt Library bookplate dedications are available for contributions ranging from $50 to $150. The chosen title will have a bookplate placed on the inside front cover reflecting the dedication and will be located in the Library. In addition, selections from the Lenhardt Library's Rare Book Collection are also available for dedication as well as the opportunity to conserve a title from our rare book collection. Acid free, archival bookplates will be placed on the inside front covers.